Central Water Commission have been completed. On Konar Dam repairs, on the basis of the suggestions of the Experts Committee, were to be carried out by the Damodar Valley Corporation.

Soil Conservation measures, afforestration and Water Management practices in the catchment of River Valley Project adopted by the State Government are expected to reduce the rate of sedimentation in the reservoirs.

Project for Linking of "Par-Tapi-Narmada"

1699. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the reply to unstarred question 4254 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th May, 1997 and state:

(a) the number of meetings of the National Commission for Integrated Water Resources Development Plan set up in September, 1996;

(b) what further action Government have taken or propose to take for linking 'Par-Tapi-Narmada' for which the feasibility report has been completed; and

(c) the amount earmarked for the project during the Ninth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Two meetings of the National Commission for Integrated Water Resources Development Plan have been held so far.

(b) and (c) The National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has forwarded the feasibility report of Par-Tapi-Narmada link to the Governments of Gujarat and Maharashtra. Further action can be only after a formal agreement betwen the two States for implementation of the scheme is reached.

Supply of Additional Water to Delhi

1700. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether neighbouring States of Delhi have been requested to make additional supply of raw water to increase the capacity of potable water of Delhi;

(b) if so, the names of these States with details of additional water requested from each state;

(c) whether Government propose to intervene in view of ensuing Summer Season;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government also propose to take strict action against illegal connections of Delhi; and

(f) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. After the signing of Yamuna sharing Accord on 12.5.1994 and directions to the Supreme Court of India dated 29.2.96, NCT of Delhi is getting sufficient raw water for all its existing water treatment plants.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. Government of NCT of Delhi keeps regular vigil on unauthorised water connections and whenever any unauthorised connection is noticed action to disconnect the same is taken promptly as per rules.

Irrigation Potential in Orissa

1701. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team visited Orissa to assess the Irrigation Potential; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the report and implementation thereof?